

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Sylvain CRUCHON-DUPEYRAT, et al.

Title:

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INK DELIVERY TO

NANOLITHOGRAPHIC PROBE SYSTEMS

Appl. No.:

10/705,776

Filing Date: 11/12/2003

Examiner:

UNASSIGNED

Art Unit:

2861

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT / 5 MONTH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered before Examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.